

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Dear Dr. Bradbury:

I am today announcing that the United States will suspend nuclear weapons tests for a period of twelve months and, under certain conditions of progress toward real disarmament, continue that suspension on a year-to-year basis.

It will, of course, require an extended period to negotiate and install a genuine and assured disarmament arrangement. Even though we will not be doing any weapons testing, it will be necessary that we maintain our weapons development progress during the period and with no less urgency than in the past. It is necessary, in the interest of our country's defense, that the staff of your laboratory, and that of the other weapons development laboratories, continue their research and development in this field with their current vigor and devotion.

I am instructing the Atomic Energy Commission to develop plans to see that these essentials are met and that the vitality of our laboratories is maintained.

Sincerely,



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